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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I have just returned from an LWML Board of Directors' (BOD) meeting that was held in St. Louis, February 1-3, 2008. This was President Jan Wendorf's first full BOD meeting, and it was an informative one.

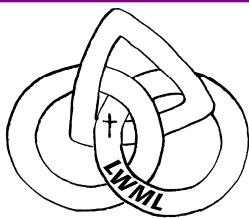
Jan shared with us the vision of the LWML as Lutheran Women in Mission. We are to be in the Word; of the Word; and walking with our Lord. We must always remember that He is the one directing our lives.

At the BOD meeting, Rev. Scott Snow from LCMS World Missions challenged each district to send two teams on mission trips by March 2010. He told us we were "BMW's"... "Beautiful Mission Women". Whenever I see a BMW, I am sure I will be thinking of this phrase.

As we prepare for our convention, let us go to the Lord in thanksgiving for the mites we have received. Let's continue to joyfully give mites to fund ALL the mission grants that were chosen at the 2006 convention. It would be a testimony to our God to exceed our mission goal. All for His glory!

Your sister in Christ,
Maureen Consiglio
President

(Philippians 4:13)



The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

SAVE THE DATE

Atlantic District Convention
Long Island, NY
April 26-27, 2008

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Mission Outreach

At the time of this article, we have paid Mission Grant Nos. 1 through 6 **in full** – Praise God!

We have collected approximately \$3,200 toward Mission Grant #7 with \$1,760 to go before we can pay it in full.

With that being said, there have been some questions regarding the “Mite Updates” that I report about periodically with regards to the monies that have been received. There seems to be a little confusion as to the percentage splits, and I hope I can explain this to your satisfaction so that everyone understands it fully. Our 2006-2008 Biennium Mission Grant budget goal was **\$66,100 in total**. Of that \$66,100, 15% (District Inreach) stays in the administration fund or **\$9,915**. 25% of the \$66,100 is sent to LWML (formerly known as “National”) or **\$16,525**. The remaining 60% or **\$39,660** stays in the District to pay for the mission grants that we voted on to support this biennium. This 60% is what I keep you updated on.

When it is joyfully reported that a mission grant now has all the funds to be paid in full, that means that the split has been paid as well – the 15% that stays in the District and the 25% that gets remitted to LWML. The Financial Secretary reports to me the 60% and I keep track of that 60% until there are enough monies to pay the grant. I hope this clears up the confusion, but if you still have a question, please feel free to contact me at any time. I welcome the opportunity to help in this area.

The following are the “highlights” of the last two mission grants that we are supporting with our mites in this current biennium.

MISSION GRANT #7 Opening a New Outreach Center in New York City \$5,000

More than 55 million people in the world today are blind. In the United States alone, there are 12 million blind and visually impaired children and adults. Of those 12 million people, **95% are unchurched**.

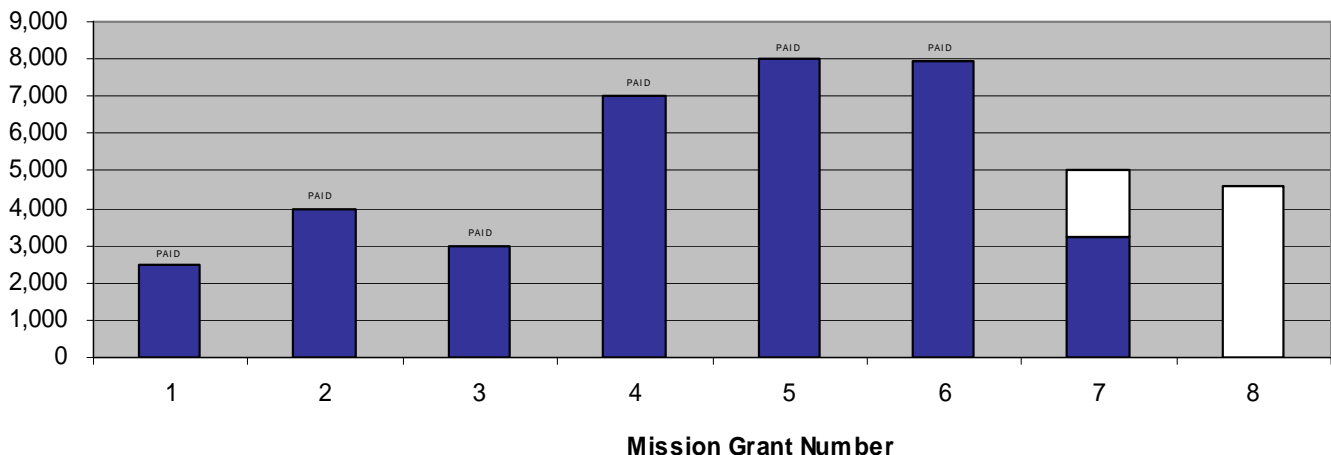
Lutheran Blind Mission would like to establish a new outreach center to provide a family of love and care, and through them, many people who would not otherwise hear about Jesus, will connect to God’s Word and His people. (note: we need \$1760 to pay in full)

MISSION GRANT #8 Our Community Outreach School’s Music Ministry \$4,592.94

This grant would be used to purchase musical equipment and literature to teach our students musical skills at Lutheran School of the Risen Christ in Brooklyn, and to help fund transportation so that these students would be able to visit nursing homes, hospitals and senior centers to spread the message of Jesus Christ.

There are just about **7 weeks** left in the biennium. All mites **must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2008** to be included. Please encourage mite giving and send your mites in regularly. I am so encouraged by what we have accomplished so far, and I am confident that we will meet our goal and **go beyond it – that’s right – beyond it!**

In His Service as Always,
Ginny Wirsing
Vice President, Mission Outreach



Pastoral Corner

Adlai Stevenson in 1962 spoke very highly of Eleanor Roosevelt. He is quoted as saying, "She would rather light candles than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world." Nice things to say about a woman well respected by many. Having grown up with Depression Era parents and grandparents, I was often warned against extravagance and waste when doing with less, or even doing without, could be tolerated. Still, as a young boy, I saw little need for being miserly. In a slightly warped sense, I took great delight when something being saved "went bad" and all this talk of being frugal seemed all the more silly. Perhaps these experiences were some of the earliest lessons needed as a young Christian and later on also factored into my formation as a pastor.

As a young boy, not unlike many other boys growing up, I was fascinated with fire. It didn't matter if the fire came in the form of matches or a lighter or even candles in church, I was fascinated. One fire department released figures that 95% of all fire-related injuries requiring the attention of a doctor were connected to boys with an average age of ten years. Of those injuries, 83% were the result of boys playing with fire. For many parents of young boys, these statistics probably come as no surprise and you may even have a name or two you could offer as concrete evidence that these figures are true. If you think these figures are sobering, read on.

Before you blame little boys for being the evil ones, take a look at Romans 3:23, ". . . for all (that's 100% in case you didn't get it) have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . ." You and I cannot escape it. We sin. We need forgiveness. We lack what is needed to save ourselves. We are not talking about 83% of boys playing with matches and we are not talking about 95% being so sinful they need the attention of the Great Physician. We are talking 100% of us are in need because 100% of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Our injury rate for being burned by sin is 100% and our injuries are fatal.

For this reason, the fact that we cannot save ourselves, I'm glad we do not have a miserly God or a God who is saving His grace for a more deserving bunch of people. Rather, God sees a great need. God sees a darkness that is in need of Light. God sees a hole in our universe that can only be filled and fully illuminated by the Light of Christ. The Light of Christ is more than just a glow that warms the world, it saves it. That's why we don't stop with verse 23 but boldly read Romans 3:23 and 24 together, ". . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." There is no need to curse the darkness because God *freely* (100% sinners get 100% grace paid for with the Blood of Christ) forgives all who believe. We become fascinated and drawn to His Light.

One more very important piece remains. When Jesus was sending out the Twelve (as recorded in Matthew 10:5-42), he gave them some very simple but powerful instructions. One part of these instructions reads (verse 8b), "Freely you have received,

freely give." Right now, you are reading *The Candlestick*. A candlestick really doesn't have much use unless you have the name Jack, are nimble, and feel a need to jump over one. Properly used, though, a candlestick holds candles that shatter the darkness. I invite you to be candlesticks, to hold forth the Light that was freely given to you. Go ahead! It's free!

*Pastor William Wrede
Jr. Pastoral Counselor*



Parliamentarian

True or False

1. A motion that is withdrawn should still appear in the minutes.
2. Minutes should record all main motions whether they are adopted or lost.
3. The name of the seconder should be included in the minutes.
4. Minutes should always be signed "Respectfully submitted".
5. The Nominating Committee usually serves as the Tellers Committee.
6. The Treasurer's report should be adopted by the assembly at the regular meeting.
7. When being recognized to speak at the convention (to claim the floor), you should address the chair as "Madam President".
8. Chairman of the Tellers always announces the result of the vote.

Answers can be found on page 4.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE AND WHAT THEIR LIVES CAN TEACH US DORCAS, SERVANT-LEADER

When we read the story which involves Dorcas in Acts 9:32-43, we understand that the main focus of what happened is that her restoration to life, which the Holy Spirit worked through Peter, was accomplished to further spread the gospel and encourage the growth of the church. But there is also enough information about Dorcas for us to recognize the servant-leader that she was.

How did Peter come to be involved in raising Dorcas from the place in an upper room where her friends had laid her body after washing her in preparation for burial? Peter was traveling about Judea and was visiting Joppa, a seaport town about 38 miles from Jerusalem. Lydda was a small community about twelve miles away. Peter had recently healed Aeneas, a man in Joppa who had been paralyzed for eight years. Word of such a remarkable event reached Lydda quickly and many people were brought to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When Dorcas died, her many mourners turned to Peter for help. They sent two men to urge him to come to Lydda.

What kind of woman was Dorcas? Why did so many mourn her loss so deeply? When Peter arrived and was taken to the upstairs room where Dorcas was laid out, a crowd of weeping women surrounded him, showing him some of the garments she had made for needy people while she was still with them. Dorcas was an inspiration to the women around her. She led them by being an example of serving others.

All too often when we think and talk about leadership in Lutheran Women in Mission, we tend to take as examples of leadership women who have skills in speaking before groups or planning events or teaching lessons based on the Word of God. But there are other skills which we all too often take for granted. Some of the women who are good speakers or planners or teachers possess these skills as well. But there are also women whose principal spiritual gift is serving. Women who collect and distribute the donations to the church food pantry, who knit the afghans which will warm families caught in fire and storm emergencies, who gather and pack used clothing for distribution to needy people in our country and overseas, who prepare and serve meals to comfort mourners after a funeral, who prepare and serve meals to foster fellowship in their congregations, who nurse and visit the sick and shut-ins; the list goes on and on...these women are servant-leaders who show their leadership by their actions.

St. Paul writes in I Corinthians 12 about the spiritual gifts the Lord gives to his people so that together the body of Christ ministers to the men, women and children in the world in which it finds itself in every generation. In I Corinthians 12:28, St. Paul mentions "those able to help others," servant-leaders who show the rest of us the way by their example. Lord, help us to follow them!

Alice Schuman
VP Leader Development

The LWML received a check for 3,946.73 from GoodSearch. The Board of Directors approved this money be used for the mission goal. Remember to use GoodSearch as your search engine and select "Lutheran Womens Missionary League—LWML—National (St. Louis, MO)" as your selection under "Who do you do GoodSearch for?"

Parliamentarian Answers

1. False. The body of the minutes should contain a separate paragraph for each subject matter, giving, in the case of all important motions, the name of the mover, and should show all main motions or motions to bring a main question again before the assembly – except, normally, any that were withdrawn. RONR p. 452
2. True. The body of the minutes should contain a separate paragraph for each subject matter, giving, in the case of all important motions, the name of the mover, and should show all main motions or motions to bring a main question again before the assembly...stating all points of order and appeals, whether sustained or lost, together with the reasons given by the chair for his or her ruling. RONR p. 453
3. False. The name of the seconder of a motion should not be entered in the minutes unless ordered by the assembly. RONR p. 453
4. False. Minutes should be signed by the secretary and cal also be signed, if the assembly wishes, by the president. The words *Respectfully submitted*—although occasionally used—represent an older practice that is not essential in signing the minutes. RONR p. 454
5. False. A nominating committee is automatically discharged when its report is formally presented to the assembly. RONR p. 421
6. False. Such a report requires no action by the assembly. RONR p. 459
7. True. To claim the floor, a member rises at his place when no one else has the floor, faces the chair, and says, "Madam Chairman". RONR p. 28
8. False. The chairman of tellers, standing, addresses the chair, reads the tellers' report, and hands it to the chair without declaring the result. RONR p. 403

A PARLIAMENTARY THOUGHT: A COLD is "both affirmative and negative". Sometimes the "eyes" have it, and other times, the "nose".

Human Care

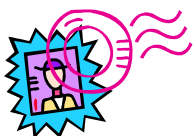
The excitement is building and many plans are being made for our upcoming Atlantic District Convention this April. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.



In every convention, we have an opportunity to participate in an “ingathering”. For this ingathering, we have selected The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island to be the recipient. The Ronald McDonald House is a home-away-from-home temporary lodging facility for seriously ill children and their families, who must travel to area hospitals for urgently needed medical

care. The House can accommodate up to 42 families each night and serves areas from Nassau and Suffolk Counties as well as Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island, the Bronx, Manhattan and upstate. Families are asked to make a small contribution if possible.

The Ronald McDonald House is a not-for-profit corporation that relies heavily on financial support from the community. This is our opportunity to be part of that support. God’s Word tells us, “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:8. When you receive your convention registration forms, a wish list will be included. We ask that you look to your heart and how the blessings you have received can become blessings to others with your ingathering donation.



Other exciting news has to do with our STAMP project. Over the past two years, we have donated \$511 to the AD LWML Interpreter’s Fund for the Deaf. This is a result of all the cancelled stamps you sent us that we brought to the dealer. Thank you for all you have done. Please continue to save your cancelled stamps. The dealer will accept COMMEMORATIVE, FOREIGN, HOLIDAY, LOVE AND REGULAR STAMPS. We must have at least ¼ inch around the stamp. If in doubt, save us half the envelope and we will do the rest. We get more money for commemorative and foreign stamps. The dealer will also take loose pages or books from collections. If you would like a flyer or more information, contact Linda Bizzaro, our Stamp Chairman, at 631-563-0046 or me at 631-589-8353.

Honey Pabst
VP Human Care

HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS BECOME MORE

This year has been a year of growth for six young women from Our Saviour High School, Bronx. They started the year as friends and along the way have become FISH (Friends Into Serving Him). Once a week these dedicated young women meet for Bible study after school. In addition to Bible study they have participated in three different service projects – hosting a Halloween party for the younger students of the school, decorating Our Saviour’s sanctuary for Christmas, and collecting Toys for Tots.

During Lent they will be sacrificing 30 hours of food as they prepare their hearts for the sacrifice that Christ made for their lives. They will be participating in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine. This nationwide project asks teens to fast for 30 hours as they focus on the hunger that many people face on a daily basis. In addition to their fasting, they will be participating in another service project.

It has been an exciting year so far for these new Friends Into Serving Him and they continue to look forward to new ways that they can “Serve The Lord With Gladness.”

Jessica Sauer, Advisor

Our Saviour High School Friends Into Serving Him



*The FISH Group from
Our Saviour Lutheran High School, Bronx, NY*

THE GINGERBREAD MAN

I bet you're thinking this is an unusual topic to be writing about. There is a story here and a revelation that I didn't get at first.

My experience with the gingerbread man began a few weeks ago when my husband and I received a large envelope in the mail from Beth, our 6 year old granddaughter who lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

After her class read the story of the gingerbread man, they each created a large paper gingerbread man and were told to give it to someone. Beth chose her Grammy and Grandpa in New York. It came with instructions to take it with us wherever we went for the next two weeks before sending it back. We were asked to take pictures and get souvenirs, if possible. We were so excited, and take it places we did. We went to church, the Maritime Museum (where Grandpa volunteers), Starbuck's, the nursery school where I work occasionally, the Long Island Big Duck, and to a Ladies Guild meeting at Holy Trinity in Middle Island. The gingerbread man even went on a train to New York City. We saw the New York Library, Bryant Park, the tree at Rockefeller Centre and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

I was so excited about doing all these things with the gingerbread man that I didn't notice what was happening with the people around us. It suddenly dawned on me that people who hadn't been smiling were smiling now. This little gingerbread man was creating a change in people. A simple project from a 6 year old made someone's world a little brighter. Isn't that great? The conductor on the train was just doing his job, but when I asked him to take a picture with the gingerbread man, his face broke into a big smile. The people sitting near us were all smiling too. When my husband was taking a picture of the school our daughter attended as a child, a security guard questioned him. By the time we left, he too was smiling. It seems to me that this paper gingerbread man was creating happy feelings in people. The Lord uses each of us in special ways and he used our granddaughter to bring some joy to others. God's Word tells us "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16. God has made each of us so unique with many different gifts. He gives us these gifts so that we can share them with each other. It doesn't have to be anything big. It can be something as simple as your own special smile. May you be blessed today and may your smile be the light that will be a blessing to someone else.

Honey Pabst
VP Human Care



PRAYERFUL SISTERS

This year the Bronx/Westchester Zone is focusing on prayer. Our year began with an uplifting prayer service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bronx, on January 23, 2008. The service celebrated our Christian unity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Seventy-five men and women from throughout the Bronx and Westchester were encouraged by Pastor Taylor to pray without ceasing for the people of the world who do not know the comfort of our Lord, Jesus Christ and for willing workers to enter the mission field. We look forward to continuing our theme of prayer at our Spring Event, which will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Hastings-on-Hudson on May 3, 2008.

Jessica Sauer
Bronx/Westchester Zone President

SUFFOLK ZONE NEWS

The Christmas tree has finally been put away and all the little decorations around the house as well (why oh why did I put up so many) – HALLELUJAH! Now I am quickly getting ready for my Lenten devotions and that joyous celebration of the Risen Christ!

In between the decorations being put away and Lenten devotions, the Suffolk board has been busy planning for yet another "season". We are now planning for the **annual retreat at Cormaria in Sag Harbor**, May 9-10, 2008, from 4pm to 4pm. The retreat theme is "Peacekeepers vs. Peacemakers". We have a wonderful relaxing mansion to stay in on the water where every delicious meal is skillfully made and placed before us with loving hands – AND WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT, THAT'S THE BEST PART. IT'S HEAVEN ON EARTH!!

We have been having this retreat for more years than I can remember and it has always been offered only to Lutheran women in Suffolk County. This year, we have decided to offer this 24 hour retreat to the Atlantic District LWML. For more information, please contact me at gwirsing@optonline.net and I will send you a registration form. The cost is \$80 for a beautiful room, 3 hot delicious meals and all the retreat supplies. All you have to do is bring your Bible, a toothbrush and a change of casual clothes. We take care of the rest. Please consider giving yourself a gift – you're worth it.

Our Day of Prayer service is scheduled for March 7, 2008 and our Spring Event/Rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The theme is "**Leading with Beading**" – **Jewelry that defines your faith**. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Middle Island. Worship service is at 9:30am and the event/rally to follow. You are all invited to join us. Any questions, please contact me.

Ginny Wirsing
Suffolk Zone President

AGENDA FOR 2008 CONVENTION

“I am the vine and you are the branches”

Courtyard Marriott, Ronkonkoma

For those who would rather travel on Friday, April 25, there will be a social from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. New Dimensions Worship Band, Trinity, Hicksville will be performing. **You must be registered and staying at the hotel Friday night in order to participate in this event. Please mark your registration form accordingly.** You can find the registration form on the website (www.adlwml.org) or you can ask your society president for a copy.

Saturday, April 26, 2008

- Registration Opens – 7:00 a.m.
- Breakfast—8:00 a.m.
- Displays Open – 9:00 a.m.
- Delegate Orientation – 9:30 a.m.
- Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m.
- Open Convention with Worship – 10:45 a.m.
- First Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- Greetings from Dr. Benke
- Lunch
- Second Meeting – 2:15 p.m.
- Bible Study #1 – Pastor Wrede
- LWML VP of Communications – Sandy Hardies
- Greetings from Vigi George (Concordia) and Peter Labenburg (LCEF)
- Convention Business
- Balloting
- Workshops – 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Celebration Buffet – 7:30 p.m.
- Memorial Service – 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 2008

- Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
- Third Meeting – 9:15 a.m.
- Bible Study #2 – Pastor Demera
- Convention Business
- Mission Moments
- Dedication of Ingathering
- Lunch
- Fourth Meeting – 1:15 p.m.
- Installation of Officers
- Convention Adjournment – 3:00 p.m.

Displays will be open whenever the convention is in recess, i.e. during meals, before workshops, etc.

The times listed above are approximate. Circumstances beyond our control may change them.

WORKSHOPS

Follow the Leader: A Grown-up Game for Christian Women – Alice Schuman

This game is designed to help us to consider who we are and why we're here. Using a series of steps and interactions, we will talk and think about the mission to which each of us has been called and how to best carry it out. From *Read the Directions* to *End-Game* we'll focus on playing the game of life in His rules.

God Surprises – Sandy Hardies, LWML Vice President of Communications.

Hear how God has worked His surprises on the mission field as Sandy has led out mission teams. This workshop is especially for first-timers and young women, but ALL are invited.

TAGS: Tips And Guidelines for a Successful Retreat – Linda Guteres and Ginny Wirsing

Tag, you're it! Well it's happened. Your ladies group has asked you to be the one to coordinate this year's retreat. Where do I start? What do I do? How do I get everything done? Never fear! This workshop will give you a great foundation to start with so that your retreat will be great, even if this is the first retreat for your group. Come and learn about ideas for retreat themes, mixers, skits, music, etc.

What's the Scoop? Discover the Unique Flavors of Teen LWML. – Joni Mazer

This workshop is designed for society members interested in learning more about “*Friends Into Serving Him*”, the new teen division of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We will discuss and exchange ideas about incorporating young women into society activities, developing special projects and events of interest to teens, and starting a church group for teen women interested in growing their relationship with the Lord and showing His love through service activities. Learn how a teen LWML group can work with an existing society, yet remain relevant to the needs and interests of today's teen girls.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

As the host zone’s preparations for the 2008 Atlantic District LWML Convention continue to progress, it is time for the delegates to prepare for the important tasks of voting on the necessary business of the LWML. To that end, it is exciting to be able to announce the slate of candidates for the convention. Biographies for each of the candidates can be found both in the convention mailings and in the convention manual. Please take time to get to know each of your nominees by reading about them. Please spend time in prayer as you prepare for the important task of voting and deciding whom your LWML leadership will be for the next biennium.

Vice President for Human Care – Rosa Cruz-Molina (Bronx/Westchester Zone)

Vice President for Mission Outreach – Lillian Biddle (Queens Zone)

Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Richard Jones (Grace Lutheran Church, Mastic Beach)

Treasurer – Linda Guterres (Suffolk Zone)

Financial Secretary – Virginia Wirsing (Suffolk Zone)

Recording Secretary – Honey Pabst (Suffolk Zone)

Nominating Committee – Irma Bahr-Madrid (Mid Hudson Zone)

Pam Kennard (Suffolk Zone)

Ethel Lesh (Albany Zone)

Leticia Perez (Bronx/Westchester Zone)

The Atlantic District LWML cannot function without YOU! Please prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling you to be bold and serve the LWML in a new way. A full slate of candidates requires two names for each position (Nominating Committee is full with a slate of 5 candidates). If you are interested in adding your name to any position or learning more about what each position requires, please contact Jessica Sauer, Nominating Committee Chairperson (speed4race@hotmail.com - 718-794-2556). In the words of Isaiah 6:8 we pray - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

If you would like to serve on the Board in a chairman’s position of a Standing Committee, please go to www.adlwml.org, download the Personnel Profile Form and mail to Maureen Consiglio, District President (25 Windover Lane, Coram, NY 11727 or freetimetoday@verizon.net). Chairman positions include Gospel Outreach, Human Care, Leader Development, Mission Advocacy and Grants, Mite Box/Quarterly, Public Relations, Spiritual Life, Spiritual Life Resources, Structure and Young Women’s Advocate. Appointed positions include Archivist-Historian, The Candlestick Editor, Meeting Manager, Parliamentarian, Planner and Web Page.

Jessica Sauer

Nominating Committee Chairperson



Don’t forget to order your Atlantic District LWML Convention t-shirt by **March 22, 2008**. Order forms can be obtained through either your Society President or on the web site—www.adlwml.org.

The picture on the right is an approximate rendering of the design. The short sleeve shirts are beige with a color design in 100% cotton, and are available in size S to XXL.



Atlantic District

Vice President for Human Care



Rosa Cruz-Molina, Bronx/Westchester Zone

has served...

Society: Member of Ladies in Prayer and Service (LIPS)

Church: Catechist of Adult Catechumenate
Member of Voter's Assembly
Adult Bible Class Teacher
VBS Teacher
Usher
Evangelism Committee
Sunday School Teacher

Community: Mentor at St. Catherine's High School

Vision Statement:

As a sacramental, teaching, priestly, transformed, and servant people, the LWML lifts high the cross as its leadership and members continue to grow from grace to grace to witness the living Christ through its words, deeds, lives and service projects at the local, national and global levels.

Treasurer



Linda Guteres, Suffolk Zone

has served...

Society: Past President and member of Holy Trinity Ladies Guild

Member of Ladies Aide Grace Lutheran Church

Zone: Suffolk Zone treasurer
Retreat planning
Retreat speaker

District: Correspondence Secretary / Meeting Manager

Church: Women's Bible Breakfast Speaker at Women's Life Day

Head of Women's Ministries at Grace Lutheran Church

Bookkeeper of Grace Lutheran Church

Vision Statement:

The LWML is an organization which is growing by leaps and bounds. Unfortunately, many women have preconceived notions of old, inactive women sitting around collecting pennies to send all over the world. I would like to clarify that although we do collect pennies, we also collect millions of dollars which support hundreds of mission projects throughout the world. And if this wasn't enough, we are simultaneously growing in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the fellowship with other sisters in Christ. The LWML is a win-win proposition, and as God allows us, we will continue to send out the gospel all over the world.

Vice President for Mission Outreach



Lillian Biddle, Queens Zone

Lillian's bio will be included in the convention manual.

Financial Secretary



Virginia D. Wirsing, Suffolk Zone

has served...

Society: Recording Secretary
Spiritual Growth Chairman
President Holy Trinity Ladies Guild

Zone: President
Vice President
Treasurer

Registrar for the retreats

Helped coordinate and run the last five (5) women's retreats for the Suffolk Zone at Cormaria Retreat House, Sag Harbor

Led four (4) one (1) day mini-retreats

District: Vice President for Mission Outreach
Chairman of Mission Advocacy and Grants Committee
Served as Convention Registrar for 1998 convention

National: Leadership for Tomorrow Training

Church: Deacon on the Board of Deacons
Co-chairman of Stewardship/Mission Outreach Committee
Church Council
Financial Secretary
Member of Call Committee
Nominating Committee
50th Anniversary Committee Chairman
Member of the choir
Women's Bible Study Leader

Community: Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and President of various PTA's in the Longwood School District
Suffolk County Girl Scouts

Vision Statement:

To be able to give up-to-date accurate reports with regards to the position of Financial Secretary to all Board members in an easy to understand format so that at any moment they can see what has been received and to assist the Vice President for Mission Outreach in her responsibility to keep members updated on mites received for mission grants. The mites are extremely important and I personally feel that it is everyone's responsibility to promote LWML to each and every woman we come into contact with about what these mites can accomplish. With His guidance, the LWML can help spread that Good News of Salvation to all that have not heard.

Recording Secretary



Honey Pabst, Suffolk Zone
has served...

- Society:** Member Mary & Martha Guild
President Mary & Martha Guild
- Zone:** Organized ingathering for Spring Retreat
Registrar Spring Retreat
- District:** Vice President for Human Care
Stamp Committee
Retreat Craft Leader
Web Page Chairman
- Church:** Usher & Communion Steward
Treasure & Tag Sale Chairman
Craft Fair Chairman
Church Council-Chairman
Social Ministries/Human Care
Tab Collection Chairman
Sunday School Teacher
Altar Flower Chairman
VBS Superintendent
Altar Guild Member
- Community:** Suffolk County Girl Scouts Adult
Volunteer
GS Harvest Helper Chairman
Suffolk County Homemakers Council
Rep, Craft Teacher, Vice President and
Secretary
Thrivent Builds Chapter Advisor and
Specialist
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter
Recorder
Aid Association for Lutherans Secretary

Vision Statement:

My vision is to see more young women becoming involved in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Junior Pastoral Counselor



The Reverend Richard J. Jones, Suffolk Zone

In 1992, Pastor Jones was the Assistant Pastoral Counselor in the Southern District. He became pastor of Grace Lutheran Church on September 9, 2000. He supports and encourages the LWML in his parish.

Pastor Jones is teaching evangelism and missions to deacons in the Atlantic District under the 4th Vice President. He has been in *Ablaze!* training for revitalization and is working cross culturally.

Vision Statement:

My vision for the LWML would be the same for the goals of the ministry of LWML. I believe that as we encourage and challenge personal spiritual discipleship for each of the women, you will see growth in the zones and at the congregation level. How would this be accomplished? By enhancing LWML prayer ministry for specific prayers with recorded answers allows for us to focus on God and His provision. By enhancing Bible study which gives purposeful direction for personal spirituality allows for level of commitment and sacrifice to grow. By increasing evangelistic fervor and skills allow for the lost to be saved and the fruits of faith to grow by leaps and bounds. Using Jesus' message to the seven churches, we are motivated to allow the First Commandment to drive our behavior. Living confessionally the article of New Obedience will give us clear guidelines so that we are grace driven. As I said, none of this is new...it is more about faithful enhancing what we have and not allowing priorities to be skewed.

Nominating Committee



Irma Bahr-Madrid, Mid Hudson Zone

has served...

Society: LWML Chapter reorganizer

Church: Christian Growth Board

High School Sunday School Teacher

Women's Bible Study Leader

Worship Assistant

Teller

Church Council President

Alternate Lay Delegate LCMS Convention and

Lay Delegate LCMS National Convention

Christ Care Small Group Equipper and Leader

Community: Treasurer Condo Association

Condo Board Member

Vision Statement:

The LWML chapter in my church is currently inactive. I would like to see a thriving chapter with women of all ages dedicated to serving in the community and the world.



Pamela Kennard, Suffolk Zone

has served...

Society: Mary Martha Guild President

Zone: Vice President

Spring Retreat Registrar

District: Retreat Craft Person

Church: Having Friends

Treasure & Tag Sale

Blood Drive

Day of Prayer Service

Holiday Craft Fair

Vacation Bible School

Plant Sale

Passover Meal

Community: Habitat for Humanity

Suffolk County Homemakers President

Sayville Fire Dept. Explorers Advisor

Vision Statement:

My vision for the LWML is to reach as many women as possible that are willing to hear God's Word, so that they can teach their family. In that way, the whole family will be able to receive the love and forgiveness from God's Word and be an example of God's love.

Nominating Committee (continued)



Ethel Lesh, Albany Zone

has served...

Zone: President

Vice President

District: Treasurer

Vice President for Leader Development

Church: Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Vision Statement:

LWML will be the place for LCMS women to work together for missions.



Letitia Perez, Bronx/Westchester Zone

has served...

Society: Member of Hearts and Hands

Church: Usher

Vessel Bearer

Community: PTA Treasurer at Young Women's Leadership School

Vision Statement:

Utilizing the talents that God gave me, I would like to encourage other women to serve the Lord with gladness in service to others.

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PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2008-2010 BIENNIUM

Grant Descriptions

- A. Bibles for Atlantic District Prisons\$2,500.00**
 This grant would be used to purchase 200 large print special prison Bibles to be placed in the libraries of penal institutions located in the Atlantic District.
 Sponsored by Lutheran Prison Ministry

- B. Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.\$3,500.00**
 This grant will provide Braille Bibles and large print materials to millions of blind and visually impaired in forty languages free of charge. The funds would be used to purchase special paper, spiral bound covers and other supplies.
 Sponsored by Jane McCarthy, LWML member

- C. Bible Clubs for Kids\$4,000.00**
 The club will be divided into age groups such as K-2nd and 3rd-6th. Meetings will have three segments: game time, handbook time and council time. The funds would be used to purchase workbooks, games, awards, advertising materials, parent’s informational kits, etc.
 Sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church, Glendale, NY

- D. Ministry to Armed Forces, Ministry-by-Mail.....\$3,600.00**
 Men and women are stationed around the world. They often have little or no contact with fellow Christians. Ministry-by-Mail provides copies of “Portals of Prayer” and “So Help Me God” to the men and women in uniform to help them remain faithful and give them comfort in difficult situations.
 Sponsored by LCMS World Mission

- E. Beautiful Feet.....\$5,000.00**
 Today’s college students are the next generation of missionaries, pastors and congregational leaders. Beautiful Feet brings hundreds of college students together to learn about missions around the world, how they can be involved, and builds them up to both lead mission education on their campuses and serve the Lord and His church around the world on the mission field.
 Sponsored by LCMS World Mission

- F. Ingria Ablaze! Support, Russia\$5,000.00**
 Russian Lutheran pastors and lay leaders are reaching out to people in a country recovering from Communism. They hold outreach events that attract hundreds of people, and they need Bibles and other Christian resources to give seekers in order to keep them connected with the Gospel message beyond the outreach event. Pastors and lay leaders also need money for transportation as they visit each person’s home and connect them with local Lutheran congregations.
 Sponsored by LCMS World Mission

- G. He Lives.....1,000.00**
 We desire to reach out to the staff and residents of Four Seasons Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center by spreading the Gospel through an Easter Presentation and to give a Bible to each staff member and resident of the facility. Funds would be used to purchase Bibles as well as costumes and props for the presentation.
 Sponsored by Sheryl Schulze, LWML member, Brooklyn, NY

H. LCMS Circuit 12 Orthodox Jewish and Hispanic Outreach Ministry \$7,200.00

The goal of this new outreach is to reach the ever growing Spanish population and the Orthodox Jewish population in Eastern Suffolk County. The funds would be used for printed bilingual materials, cross-cultural programs and Spanish language classes for the volunteers and leaders who will be working in this outreach.

Sponsored by LCMS Atlantic District Circuit 12 and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, NY

I. “We Hear, Each in Our Own Native Language” (Acts 2:7) \$2,200.00

As our Lord continues to bring unchurched speakers of Spanish to us (the Bronx being the Borough of New York City with the highest number of speakers of Spanish) and as we endeavor to reach all people with the Gospel, we want to translate materials from English into Spanish. Since God has gifted us with people who can translate, we want to purchase equipment that will allow for the simultaneous translation of the Scripture readings, sermons and prayers during the worship services for Spanish people to increase their understanding of the Good News of Jesus Christ while they are in a worship setting.

Sponsored by LIPS (Ladies in Prayer and Service), Redeemer Lutheran, Bronx, NY

J. Teaching/Learning World Religions & Evangelism Tools to strategically reach the unreached.. \$6,935.00

Concordia Institute for World Religions & Evangelism (CIWRE), Concordia College, NY is equipping church professionals, laity and church vocation students to learn hands-on evangelistic tools and world religions in the perspective of reaching the unreached. Learning other religions is unavoidable in American mosaic of diverse religiosity.

Sponsored by Rev. Rethinasamy, Director CIWRE, Concordia College, NY

K. Creating a Mosaic Congregation..... \$7,350.00

Evangelical Immanuel Lutheran Church, Whitestone, NY is transitioning to become a multi-cultural church. This grant would be of immense help to identify and assist leaders from various ethnic backgrounds of Chinese, Indian, Hispanic, Korean and African American origin seeking to start cell group churches under the support, vision and care of Immanuel’s outreach ministries in reaching the unreached, intending to become a multi-cultural mosaic Lutheran church in Queens, NY.

Sponsored by Michael Jakob, President, Evangelical Immanuel Lutheran Church, Whitestone, NY

L. Seminary Tuition \$5,000.00

St. Timothy in Hyde Park is currently vacant of a pastor. We have recently made arrangements for a Vicar (DELTO pastoral candidate) who would serve us while taking distance learning courses at seminary. This grant would help to pay part of the tuition in the DELTO program and thus leading to ordination as an LCMS pastor.

Sponsored by Nancy Graf Peters, LWML member

M. Cross -Cultural Youth Expansion..... \$4,000.00

In the past year, St. Peter’s in Brooklyn has established Ablaze Covenant outreach into the Latino, Bengali and Caribbean mission zones of Brooklyn and Queens, with more youth and children drawn to the ministries. Cross-cultural youth expansion will integrate the mission zones into the neighborhood/church youth outreach for the greatest connection of the Gospel to young peoples’ lives through increased fellowship, training, experiences and worship.

Sponsored by Women of God on the Move, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY

- N. Halloween Outreach.....\$ 500.00**
 The FISH (Friends Into Serving Him) group of Our Saviour Lutheran High School would like to provide a safe environment for the children of the Morris Park community to enjoy Halloween. While they are at our event, we intend to reach out to them with the Gospel.
 Sponsored by Hearts + Hands and The FISH Group, Our Saviour Lutheran H.S., Bronx, NY
- O. Concordia College’s Fortress Grant Fund.....\$2,000.00**
 The Concordia Fortress Grant Fund allows the most promising Lutheran students to receive substantial aid for their higher education as they prepare for careers in the pastorate and church education.
 Sponsored by Mindy Warnken, Atlantic District Task Force 5
- P. Camp Scholarships at SonRise.....\$3,000.00**
 Scholarships would be provided to poor children who otherwise might not be able to enjoy a week at a Christian camp. Funds will be used to offer full or partial camp awards to SonRise based on a family’s documented financial need.
 Sponsored by Jessica Sauer, LWML member
- Q. North Country Mission Project\$3,000.00**
 SonRise Lutheran Church would utilize kids of the Atlantic District ZAP! program to run a week of Vacation Bible School in the Adirondack Region. They will also be involved in community service projects in the area. Funds would be used for materials, transportation, staffing, servant event supplies and housing for ZAP! team and VBS children.
 Sponsored by Pastor Mittelstaedt, Atlantic District Task Force
- R. Boy’s Foster Home in South India.....\$4,000.00**
 This foster home for boys began in 2002 as a result of Atlantic District donations for Tsunami Relief. Many of these boys lost one parent in the Tsunami. Three boys come from a fishing village that was devastated. Although brought up Hindu, all have been taught to pray Christian prayers to start and end each day and at meals, and all attend Sunday worship at the local Lutheran church. While Tsunami support is almost depleted, we are committed to these 18 boys until they graduate the public high school they attend across the street from the home.
 Sponsored by Janet George/Judy Benke, Health and Human Care Task Force, Atlantic District
- S. ZAP! Youth Training Program\$1,600.00**
 This program continues the initial year of Zap! to strengthen faith, become more comfortable in sharing their faith and to engage in real life venues to many youth from the Atlantic District. This program will have 5 scheduled training sessions, located throughout the region and 3 summer trips to partner with Atlantic District congregations to provide a Vacation Bible School, as well as evangelism outreach and work projects.
 Sponsored by Parish Education and Youth Task Force, Atlantic District

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE BYLAWS
ATLANTIC DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
2008 CONVENTION**

Article VII, Section 4, Section 5, Section 8, and Section 9

Insert new "a" to read, "attend District Conventions and meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors;"
Change current "a" to "b", "b" to "c", etc.

Rationale: Conformity

Article VII, Section 6

Current bylaw: "attend and take minutes of Conventions, Executive Committee meetings, and Board of Directors' meetings..."

Suggested change: "attend and take minutes of District Conventions, Executive Committee and Board of Directors' meetings..."

Insert new "b" to read, "prepare minutes for meetings that take place via e-mail, record all actions voted on and note acceptance of minutes at the next business meeting;"

Change current "b" to "c", "c" to "d", etc.

Rationale: Clarification

Current Section 6, d: "keep a file of policy motions and provide a copy to the District President;"

Suggested change: "keep a file of policy motions and attach to the bylaws;"

Rationale: Conformity and compliance

Article VII, Section 7a

Current bylaw: "attend District Conventions, Executive Committee meetings, and Board of Directors' meetings;"

Suggested change: "attend District Conventions and meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors;"

Rationale: Conformity

Article VII, Section 8a and 9a (which will become "b" if amendments are accepted)

Current bylaw: "attend and give a report to the Board of Directors and the District Convention;"

Suggested change: "prepare a written report for Executive Committee and Board of Directors' meetings and for the District Convention;"

Rationale: Conformity

Article IX, Section 3b

Current bylaw: "Nominations for elected officers may be made from the floor of the convention provided written consent of the nominee has been secured and the nominee meets the stipulated qualifications for office."

Suggestion change: Add at the end of the paragraph: "A resume will be given to the delegates prior to the elections."

Rationale: Additional information

Article XIII, Section 2

Current bylaw: "The societies shall order from the District Mite Box/*Quarterly* Chairman the desired number of copies of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* magazine for distribution to their members. *The Candlestick* distribution is based on the number of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* magazines sent to a society."

Suggested change: *The Candlestick* distribution shall be via e-mail or as hard copies to those societies that do not have access to e-mail. Current and past issues will be available on the web site."

Rationale: Compliance

Article XIV, Section 1c

Current bylaw: "The Vice President for Mission Outreach shall submit all recommended grant proposals to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at its January meeting of the convention year."

Suggested change: "The Vice President for Mission Outreach shall submit, after review by the Atlantic District LCMS President, all recommended grant proposals to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at its January meeting of the convention year."

Rationale: A review by the LCMS President of the District would assist the BOD in the decision-making process of grant selections to be presented to the delegates.

Article XIV, Section 1d

Current bylaw: "The grants selected by the Board of Directors, being truly mission minded and meriting the consideration of the LWML, shall then be presented to the Atlantic District—LCMS for approval."

Suggested change: The grants selected by the Board of Directors shall be truly mission minded and merit the consideration of the LWML."

Rationale: See Section 1c above.

"Housekeeping" or editorial changes may be made to conform to LWML Structure Committee recommendations.

IMPORTANT DATES

Albany Zone

- 03/08/08 Albany Zone Retreat for Women, Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady beginning at 10:00 am; Leader: Jeanine Tietz; Theme: "God Knows Our Hearts"
- 05/31/08 Albany Zone Spring Event/Rally, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saratoga Springs beginning at 11:30 am

Bronx/Westchester Zone

- 05/03/08 Rally, St. Matthews, Hastings on Hudson, Speaker and Ingathering TBA beginning at 9:30 am; Theme: Prayer

Queens Zone

- 05/31/08 Spring Rally, Resurrection, Flushing beginning at 10:00 am; Theme: "Spring to Green"

Suffolk Zone

- 03/07/08 Prayer Service, St. John's, Holbrook beginning at 7:30 pm
- 04/19/08 Spring Rally, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Island beginning at 9:00 am; Theme: Leading with Beading (witness bracelets)
- 05/9-10/08 Cormaria Retreat, Sag Harbor

Board of Directors' Meetings

- 4/12/08 Pre-convention Meeting, Concordia College, Bronxville
- 4/25/08 EC Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Ronkonkoma
- 5/17/08 Transition Meeting, Concordia College, Bronxville

District Events

- 4/26-27/08 ADLWML Convention, Courtyard by Marriott, Ronkonkoma

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